

## Automobile Theft Authority

	FY 2015 ACTUAL	FY 2016 ESTIMATE	FY 2017 APPROVED
<b>OPERATING BUDGET</b>			
<i>Full Time Equivalent Positions</i>	6.0	6.0	6.0
Personal Services	222,300	291,000	291,000
Employee Related Expenditures	90,100	128,800	126,300
Professional and Outside Services	25,200	20,500	20,500
Travel - In State	600	9,000	9,000
Travel - Out of State	3,400	12,000	12,000
Other Operating Expenditures	120,900	148,500	149,000
Equipment	18,700	30,000	30,000
<b>OPERATING SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>481,200</b>	<b>639,800</b>	<b>637,800</b>
<b>SPECIAL LINE ITEMS</b>			
Automobile Theft Authority Grants	4,579,800	4,607,700	4,607,700 <sup>1/2/</sup>
Reimbursable Programs	5,000	50,000	50,000 <sup>3/</sup>
<b>AGENCY TOTAL</b>	<b>5,066,000</b>	<b>5,297,500</b>	<b>5,295,500 <sup>4/</sup></b>

### FUND SOURCES

#### Other Appropriated Funds

Automobile Theft Authority Fund	5,066,000	5,297,500	5,295,500
SUBTOTAL - Other Appropriated Funds	5,066,000	5,297,500	5,295,500
<b>SUBTOTAL - Appropriated Funds</b>	<b>5,066,000</b>	<b>5,297,500</b>	<b>5,295,500</b>
Other Non-Appropriated Funds	0	66,500	66,500
<b>TOTAL - ALL SOURCES</b>	<b>5,066,000</b>	<b>5,364,000</b>	<b>5,362,000</b>

**AGENCY DESCRIPTION** — The Automobile Theft Authority (ATA) is responsible for analyzing the methods of combating the problem of vehicle theft and promoting successful methods of reducing the number of vehicle thefts in Arizona. The ATA is primarily funded from motor vehicle insurance premium fees.

#### Operating Budget

The budget includes \$637,800 and 6 FTE Positions from the ATA Fund in FY 2017 for the operating budget. These amounts fund the following adjustments:

#### Statewide Adjustments

The budget includes a decrease of \$(2,000) from the ATA Fund in FY 2017 for statewide adjustments. *(Please see the Agency Detail and Allocations section.)*

#### Automobile Theft Authority Grants

The budget includes \$4,607,700 from the ATA Fund in FY 2017 for ATA Grants. This amount is unchanged from FY 2016.

This line item funds grants awarded to law enforcement agencies for an auto theft task force, attorneys dedicated to auto theft prosecution, and other law enforcement activities that reduce auto theft. In FY 2017, ATA expects to award approximately \$3,650,000 to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) for the Arizona Vehicle Theft Task Force, which helps to investigate and pursue automobile-related crimes. An additional \$826,100 is expected to be

- <sup>1/</sup> The Automobile Theft Authority shall pay 75% of the Personal Services and Employee-Related Expenses for city, town and county sworn officers who participate in the Arizona Vehicle Theft Task Force. (General Appropriation Act footnote)
- <sup>2/</sup> Automobile Theft Authority grants shall be awarded with consideration given to areas with greater automobile theft problems and shall be used to combat economic automobile theft operations. (General Appropriation Act footnote)
- <sup>3/</sup> The Automobile Theft Authority shall submit a report to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee before expending any monies for the Reimbursable Programs line item. The agency shall show sufficient monies collected to cover the expenses indicated in the report. (General Appropriation Act footnote)
- <sup>4/</sup> General Appropriation Act funds are appropriated as an Operating Lump Sum with Special Line Items by Agency.

awarded to county attorneys to prosecute automobile theft-related crimes. Remaining monies would be used for equipment and to provide training. *(Please see the Other Issues section for more information.)*

#### Reimbursable Programs

The budget includes \$50,000 from the ATA Fund in FY 2017 for Reimbursable Programs. This amount is unchanged from FY 2016.

This line item funds programs such as training seminars, Arizona Vehicle Theft Task Force expenses and “bait car” projects. This line item is funded from donations and grants from the private sector. Since the inception of this program, only \$25,000 for the reimbursement of salary and operational costs of the Arizona Vehicle Theft Task Force has been expended from this line item.

#### Other Issues

#### Automobile Theft Authority Fund

The FY 2017 budget includes a one-time appropriation of \$3,000,000 from the ATA Fund for one-time costs of the newly-created Border Strike Task Force (BSTF) within the Department of Public Safety (DPS). This appropriation is intended to be funded from available monies in the ATA Fund balance and will not impact ATA spending.

In FY 2015, the ATA Fund had an ending balance of \$2,645,000 due to accumulated revenues from several years of structural balances. As of April 12, 2016, FY 2016 year-to-date revenues to the fund were \$6,168,000. When compared to the FY 2016 appropriation of \$5,297,500, the fund would have a structural balance of at least \$870,500 for the year. When the FY 2016 structural balance is combined with the FY 2015 ending balance, the ATA Fund will have an available FY 2016 ending balance of at least \$3,515,500 to cover the \$3,000,000 FY 2017 appropriation to DPS. *(Please see the Department of Public Safety BSTF One-Time line item narrative for more information.)*

#### Automobile Theft Authority Grants

The ATA is appropriated \$4,607,700 from the ATA Fund annually for grants to state and local law enforcement entities. The largest annual recipient of ATA grant monies is the Arizona Vehicle Theft Task Force, which is a multi-

agency group overseen by DPS that works specifically on combating auto-theft related crimes. ATA also issues Vertical Prosecution Grants to county attorneys that are solely dedicated to auto-theft cases, Law Enforcement Grants to local law enforcement agencies for equipment and supplies, Professional Training Grants to pay travel and registration costs associated with going to conferences, and Public Awareness Grants for public education and vehicle identification number etching. *Table 1* displays the allocations of grants for FY 2016 and estimated FY 2017 distributions by recipient and category.

**Table 1**

ATA Grant Recipients		
Recipient	FY 2016	FY 2017 est.
<b>Arizona Vehicle Theft Task Force (DPS)</b>	<b>\$ 3,650,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,650,000 <sup>1/</sup></b>
<b>Vertical Prosecution Grants</b>		
Maricopa County Attorney	\$ 283,600	\$ 238,800
Pima County Attorney	108,100	211,700
Pinal County Attorney	201,600	127,200
La Paz County Attorney	119,800	94,700
Mohave County Attorney	90,700	89,100
Santa Cruz County Attorney	27,900	64,600
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 831,700</b>	<b>\$ 826,100 <sup>1/</sup></b>
<b>Law Enforcement Grants</b>		
Chandler Police Department	\$ 24,300	\$ -
Florence Police Department	3,000	-
Gilbert Police Department	11,400	-
Maricopa County Sheriff	4,200	-
Pinal County Sheriff	5,000	-
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 47,900</b>	<b>\$ 111,600 <sup>1/</sup></b>
<b>Professional Training Grants</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 10,000 <sup>1/</sup></b>
<b>Public Awareness Grants</b>		
Apache Junction Police Department	\$ 1,200	\$ 0
Arizona Department of Insurance	5,000	
Paradise Valley Police Department	1,200	0
Parker Police Department	1,000	
Peoria Police Department	2,800	0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 11,200</b>	<b>\$ 9,000 <sup>1/</sup></b>
<b>Discretionary Grants</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,000 <sup>1/</sup></b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,540,800</b>	<b>\$4,607,700</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Represents total allocations as estimated by the Automobile Theft Authority. Specific awards are yet to be determined.